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Statement by House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera on Governor Rick Scott's 2012 – 2013 Budget Recommendations

Tallahassee, Fla. – House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding Florida Governor Rick Scott's 2012 – 2013 budget recommendations.

"Governor Scott's budget recommendations strike a healthy balance between protecting Florida's taxpayers and ensuring Florida's priorities are funded.

"The Governor and legislature's focus remains on getting Floridians back to work by constructing a healthy business environment for our communities. We will continue to accomplish this goal by refusing to raise taxes on Florida's fiscally burdened families and only using the resources Floridians have entrusted us to allocate.

"Politicians in Washington have dodged the tough choices and the U.S. Senate has irresponsibly failed to pass a budget for nearly two years. Unfortunately, our nation's economy and financially strained citizens have seen the impact of their failed leadership – we refuse to follow their poor example in Florida.

"We will once again have limited resources. Unlike the federal government, however, the challenging decisions made last session have strengthened our state's future financial security. The affirmations from independent institutions on our state's fiscal soundness have not only potentially saved our taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, but reconfirmed our commitment to our conservative policy choices.

"I appreciate Governor Scott's bold leadership. We in the Republican Conference look forward to working with him as we continue to turn Florida's economy around."

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